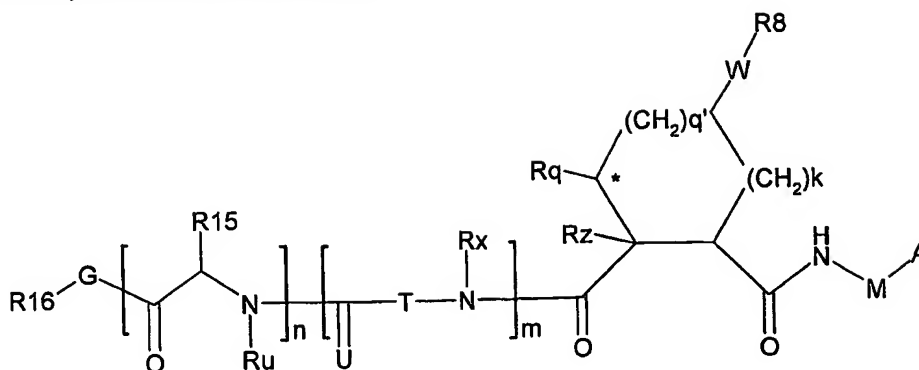


Claims

1. A compound of the formula VI:



VI

- 5 wherein  
 A is  $C(=O)OR^1$ ,  $C(=O)NHSO_2R^2$ ,  $C(=O)NHR^3$ , or  $CR^4R^{4'}$  wherein;  
 $R^1$  is hydrogen,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ alkyl,  $C_0$ - $C_3$ alkylcarbocyclyl,  $C_0$ - $C_3$ alkylheterocyclyl;  
 $R^2$  is  $C_1$ - $C_6$ alkyl,  $C_0$ - $C_3$ alkylcarbocyclyl,  $C_0$ - $C_3$ alkylheterocyclyl;  
 $R^3$  is  $C_1$ - $C_6$ alkyl,  $C_0$ - $C_3$ alkylcarbocyclyl,  $C_0$ - $C_3$ alkylheterocyclyl,  $-OC_1$ - $C_6$ alkyl,  $-OC_0$ -  
 10  $C_3$ alkylcarbocyclyl,  $-OC_0$ - $C_3$ alkylheterocyclyl;  
 $R^4$  is halo, amino, or OH; or  $R^4$  and  $R^{4'}$  together are =O;  
 $R^{4'}$  is  $C_1$ - $C_6$ alkyl,  $C_0$ - $C_3$ alkylcarbocyclyl,  $C_0$ - $C_3$ alkylheterocyclyl;  
 wherein  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$ , and  $R^{4'}$  are each optionally substituted from 1 to 3 substituents  
 independently selected from the group consisting of halo, oxo, nitrile, azido, nitro,  $C_1$ -  
 15  $C_6$ alkyl,  $C_0$ - $C_3$ alkylcarbocyclyl,  $C_0$ - $C_3$ alkylheterocyclyl,  $NH_2C(=O)-$ ,  $Y-NRaRb$ ,  $Y-O-$   
 $Rb$ ,  $Y-C(=O)Rb$ ,  $Y-(C=O)NRaRb$ ,  $Y-NRaC(=O)Rb$ ,  $Y-NHSO_pRb$ ,  $Y-S(=O)_pRb$ ,  $Y-$   
 $S(=O)_pNRaRb$ ,  $Y-C(=O)Orb$  and  $Y-NRaC(=O)ORb$ ;  
 Y is independently a bond or  $C_1$ - $C_3$ alkylene;  
 Ra is independently H or  $C_1$ - $C_3$ alkyl;  
 20 Rb is independently H,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ alkyl,  $C_0$ - $C_3$ alkylcarbocyclyl or  $C_0$ - $C_3$ alkylheterocyclyl;  
 p is independently 1 or 2;  
 M is  $CR^7R^{7'}$  or  $NRu$ ;  
 Ru is H or  $C_1$ - $C_3$ alkyl;

$R^7$  is  $C_1$ - $C_6$ alkyl,  $C_0$ - $C_3$ alkyl/ $C_3$ - $C_7$ cycloalkyl, or  $C_2$ - $C_6$ alkenyl, any of which is optionally substituted with 1-3 halo atoms, or an amino, -SH or  $C_0$ - $C_3$ alkylcycloalkyl group; or  $R^7$  is J;

$R^7$  is H or taken together with  $R^7$  forms a  $C_3$ - $C_6$ cycloalkyl ring optionally substituted with  $R^{7a}$  wherein;

$R^{7a}$  is  $C_1$ - $C_6$ alkyl,  $C_3$ - $C_5$ cycloalkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_6$ alkenyl any of which may be optionally substituted with halo; or  $R^{7a}$  is J;

$q'$  is 0 or 1 and  $k$  is 0 to 3;

$R_z$  is H, or together with the asterisked carbon forms an olefinic bond;

$R_q$  is H or  $C_1$ - $C_6$ alkyl;

$W$  is - $CH_2$ -, -O-, -OC(=O)H-, -OC(=O)-, -S-, -NH-, -NRa, -NHSO<sub>2</sub>-, -NHC(=O)NH- or -NHC(=O)-, -NHC(=S)NH- or a bond;

$R^8$  is a ring system containing 1 or 2 saturated, partially saturated or unsaturated rings each of which has 4-7 ring atoms and each of which has 0 to 4 hetero atoms

selected from S, O and N, the ring system being optionally spaced from  $W$  by a  $C_1$ - $C_3$ alkyl group; or  $R^8$  is  $C_1$ - $C_6$ alkyl; any of which  $R^8$  groups can be optionally mono, di, or tri substituted with  $R^9$ , wherein

$R^9$  is independently selected from the group consisting of halo, oxo, nitrile, azido, nitro,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ alkyl,  $C_0$ - $C_3$ alkylcarbocyclyl,  $C_0$ - $C_3$ alkylheterocyclyl,  $NH_2C(=O)$ -, Y-NRaRb, Y-O-Rb, Y-C(=O)Rb, Y-(C=O)NRaRb, Y-NRaC(=O)Rb, Y-NHSO<sub>p</sub>Rb, Y-S(=O)<sub>p</sub>Rb, Y-S(=O)<sub>p</sub>NRaRb, Y-C(=O)ORb and Y-NRaC(=O)ORb; wherein said carbocyclyl or heterocyclyl moiety is optionally substituted with  $R^{10}$ ; wherein

$R^{10}$  is  $C_1$ - $C_6$ alkyl,  $C_3$ - $C_7$ cycloalkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ alkoxy, amino, sulfonyl, ( $C_1$ - $C_3$  alkyl)sulfonyl, NO<sub>2</sub>, OH, SH, halo, haloalkyl, carboxyl, amido;

$R_x$  is H or  $C_1$ - $C_5$  alkyl; or  $R_x$  is J;

$T$  is -CHR<sup>11</sup>- or -NRd-, where Rd is H,  $C_1$ - $C_3$ alkyl or Rd is J;

$R^{11}$  is H or  $R^{11}$  is  $C_1$ - $C_6$ alkyl,  $C_0$ - $C_3$ alkylcarbocyclyl,  $C_0$ - $C_3$ alkylheterocyclyl, any of which can be substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halo, oxo, nitrile, azido, nitro,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ alkyl,  $C_0$ - $C_3$ alkylcarbocyclyl,

$C_0$ - $C_3$ alkylheterocyclyl,  $NH_2CO$ -, Y-NRaRb, Y-O-Rb, Y-C(=O)Rb, Y-(C=O)NRaRb, Y-

NRaC(=O)Rb, Y-NHSO<sub>p</sub>Rb, Y-S(=O)<sub>p</sub>Rb, Y-S(=O)<sub>p</sub>NRaRb, Y-C(=O)ORb, Y-NRaC(=O)ORb; or R<sup>11</sup> is J;

J, if present, is a single 3 to 10-membered saturated or partially unsaturated alkylene chain extending from the R<sup>7</sup>/R<sup>7'</sup> cycloalkyl, or from the carbon atom to which R<sup>7</sup> is

- 5 attached to one of Rd, Rj, Rx, Ry or R<sup>11</sup> to form a macrocycle, which chain is optionally interrupted by one to three heteroatoms independently selected from: -O-, -S- or -NR<sup>12</sup>-, and wherein 0 to 3 carbon atoms in the chain are optionally substituted with R<sup>14</sup>; wherein;

R<sup>12</sup> is H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>cycloalkyl, or COR<sup>13</sup>;

- 10 R<sup>13</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkylcarbocyclyl, C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkylheterocyclyl;

R<sup>14</sup> is independently selected from H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>haloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkoxy, hydroxy, halo, amino, oxo, thio, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> thioalkyl;

m is 0 or 1; n is 0 or 1;

U is O or is absent;

- 15 R<sup>15</sup> is H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkylcarbocyclyl, C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkylheterocyclyl, any of which can be substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halo, oxo, nitrile, azido, nitro, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkylheterocyclyl, C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkylcarbocyclyl, NH<sub>2</sub>C(=O)-, Y-NRaRb, Y-O-Rb, Y-C(=O)Rb, Y-(C=O)NRaRb, Y-NRaC(=O)Rb, Y-NHSO<sub>p</sub>Rb, Y-S(=O)<sub>p</sub>Rb, Y-S(=O)<sub>p</sub>NRaRb, Y-C(=O)ORb and Y-NRaC(=O)ORb;

20 G is -O-, -NRy-, -NRjNRj-;

Ry is H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl; or Ry is J;

one Rj is H and the other Rj is H or J;

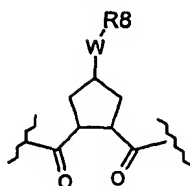
- 25 R<sup>16</sup> is H; or R<sup>16</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkylcarbocyclyl, C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkylheterocyclyl, any of which can be substituted with halo, oxo, nitrile, azido, nitro, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkylcarbocyclyl, C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkylheterocyclyl, NH<sub>2</sub>CO-, Y-NRaRb, Y-O-Rb, Y-C(=O)Rb, Y-(C=O)NRaRb, Y-NRaC(=O)Rb, Y-NHSO<sub>p</sub>Rb, Y-S(=O)<sub>p</sub>Rb, Y-S(=O)<sub>p</sub>NRaRb, Y-C(=O)ORb, Y-NRaC(=O)ORb;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or prodrug thereof.

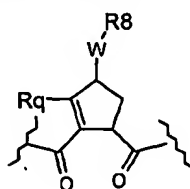
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2. A compound according to claim 1, where M is CR<sup>7</sup>R<sup>7'</sup>.

3. A compound according to claim 1, with the partial structure:



4. A compound according to claim 1, with the partial structure



5. A compound according to claim 4, wherein Rq is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl, preferably methyl.

6. A compound according to claim 1, wherein m is 0 and n is 0.

- 10 7. A compound according to claim 6, wherein G is -NR<sub>y</sub>- or -NR<sub>j</sub>NR<sub>j</sub>-.

8. A compound according to claim 7, where R<sub>y</sub> or one of the R<sub>j</sub> groups is J, thereby defining a macrocyclic compound.

- 15 9. A compound according to claim 7, wherein R<sup>16</sup> is H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkyl or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> cycloalkyl.

10. A compound according to claim 1, wherein m is 1.

- 20 11. A compound according to claim 10, wherein U is O.

12. A compound according to claim 10, wherein T is CR<sup>11</sup>.

13. A compound according to claim 12, wherein R<sup>11</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkylcarbocyclyl, C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkylaryl or C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkylheteroaryl, any of which is optionally
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substituted with halo, amino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>thioalkyl, COOR<sup>14</sup>, carboxyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkoxy)carbonyl, aryl, heteroaryl or heterocyclyl; or especially substituted with hydroxyl or COOR<sup>14</sup>.

- 5 14. A compound according to claim 13, wherein R<sup>11</sup> is tert-butyl, iso-butyl, cyclohexyl, phenylethyl, 2,2-dimethyl-propyl, cyclohexylmethyl, phenylmethyl, 2-pyridylmethyl, 4-hydroxy-phenylmethyl, or carboxylpropyl, especially tert-butyl, iso-butyl, or cyclohexyl.
- 10 15. A compound according to claim 10, wherein one of Rd, Rx or R<sup>11</sup> is J, thereby defining a macrocyclic compound.
16. A compound according to claim 10, wherein n is 1.
- 15 17. A compound according to claim 16, wherein R<sup>15</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkyl or C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkylcarbocyclyl, either of which is optionally substituted.
18. A compound according to claim 17, wherein R<sup>15</sup> is cyclohexyl, cyclohexylmethyl, tert-butyl, iso-propyl, or iso-butyl.
- 20 19. A compound according to claim 10, wherein G is NR<sub>y</sub> or NR<sub>j</sub>NR<sub>j</sub>, where R<sub>y</sub> or one R<sub>j</sub> is H or methyl and the other is H.
- 25 20. A compound according to claim 19, wherein R<sup>16</sup> is H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkyl or a 5 or 6 membered heterocycle, especially morpholine, piperidine or piperazine.
21. A compound according to claim 10, wherein R<sup>16</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkylheterocyclyl, C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkylcarbocyclyl, any of which is optionally substituted with hydroxy, halo, amino, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkoxy.

22. A compound according to claim 21, wherein  $R^{16}$  is 2-indanol, indanyl, 2-hydroxy-1-phenyl-ethyl, 2-thiophenemethyl, cyclohexylmethyl, 2,3-methylenedioxybenzyl, cyclohexyl, benzyl, 2-pyridylmethyl, cyclobutyl, iso-butyl, n-propyl, or 4-methoxyphenylethyl.

23. A compound according to claim 1, wherein W is  $-OC(=O)-$ ,  $-NRa-$ ,  $-NHS(O)_2-$  or  $-NHC(=O)-$ ; or especially  $-OC(=O)NH-$  or  $-NH-$ .

24. A compound according to claim 1, wherein W is  $-S-$ , a bond or especially  $-O-$ .

25. A compound according to claim 23 or 24 wherein  $R^8$  is optionally substituted  $C_0-C_3$ alkylcarbocyclyl or optionally substituted  $C_0-C_3$ -alkylheterocyclyl.

26. A compound according to claim 25, wherein the  $C_0-C_3$  alkyl moiety is methylene or preferably a bond.

27. A compound according to claim 26 wherein  $R^8$  is  $C_0-C_3$ alkylaryl, or  $C_0-C_3$ alkylheteroaryl, either of which is optionally mono, di, or tri substituted with  $R^9$ , wherein;

$R^9$  is  $C_1-C_6$  alkyl,  $C_1-C_6$ alkoxy,  $NO_2$ , OH, halo, trifluoromethyl, amino or amido optionally mono- or di-substituted with  $C_1-C_6$ alkyl,  $C_0-C_3$ alkylaryl,  $C_0-C_3$ alkylheteroaryl, carboxyl, aryl or heteroaryl being optionally substituted with  $R^{10}$ ; wherein

$R^{10}$  is  $C_1-C_6$ alkyl,  $C_3-C_7$ cycloalkyl,  $C_1-C_6$ alkoxy, amino optionally mono- or di-substituted with  $C_1-C_6$ alkyl,  $C_1-C_3$  alkyl amide, sulfonyl $C_1-C_3$ alkyl,  $NO_2$ , OH, halo, trifluoromethyl, carboxyl, or heteroaryl.

28. A compound according to claim 27 wherein  $R^9$  is  $C_1-C_6$  alkyl,  $C_1-C_6$ alkoxy, amino, di- $(C_1-C_3$  alkyl)amino,  $C_1-C_3$ alkylamide, aryl or heteroaryl, the aryl or heteroaryl being optionally substituted with  $R^{10}$ ; wherein

R<sup>10</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>cycloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkoxy, amino, mono- or di-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkylamino, amido, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkylamide, halo, trifluoromethyl, or heteroaryl.

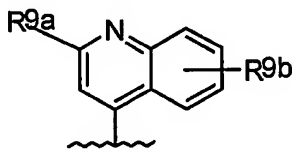
29. A compound according to claim 28, wherein, R<sup>10</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkoxy, amino optionally mono- or di substituted with C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl, amido, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkylamide, halo, or heteroaryl.

30. A compound according to claim 29 wherein R<sup>10</sup> is methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, tert-butyl, methoxy, chloro, amino optionally mono- or di substituted with C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl, amido, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkylamide, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkyl thiazolyl.

31 A compound according to claim 26, wherein R<sup>8</sup> is 1-naphthylmethyl, 2-naphthylmethyl, benzyl, 1-naphthyl, 2-naphthyl, or quinolinyl any of which is unsubstituted, mono, or disubstituted with R<sup>9</sup> as defined.

32 A compound according to claim 31 wherein R<sup>8</sup> is 1-naphthylmethyl, or quinolinyl any of which is unsubstituted, mono, or disubstituted with R<sup>9</sup> as defined.

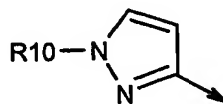
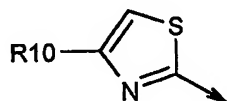
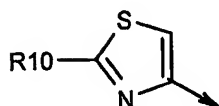
33 A compound according to claim 32 wherein R<sup>8</sup> is:



wherein R<sup>9a</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkoxy; thioC<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkyl; amino optionally substituted with C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkyl; C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkylaryl; or C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkylheteroaryl, C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkylheterocyclyl, said aryl, heteroaryl or heterocycle being optionally substituted with R<sup>10</sup> wherein R<sup>10</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkylC<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>cycloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkoxy, amino optionally mono- or di-substituted with C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkyl, amido, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkyl amide; and R<sup>9b</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy, amino, di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkyl)amino, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>alkyl) amide, NO<sub>2</sub>, OH, halo, trifluoromethyl, carboxyl.

34 A compound according to claim 33, wherein  $R^{9a}$  is aryl or heteroaryl, either of which is optionally substituted with  $R^{10}$  as defined.

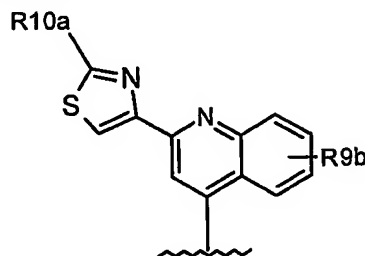
35 A compound according to 34, wherein  $R^{9a}$  is selected from the group consisted of:



wherein  $R^{10}$  is H,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ alkyl, or  $C_0$ - $C_3$ alkylcycloalkyl, amino optionally mono- or di-substituted with  $C_1$ - $C_6$ alkyl, amido, ( $C_1$ - $C_3$ alkyl)amide.

36. A compound according to claim 34, wherein  $R^{9a}$  is optionally substituted phenyl, preferably phenyl substituted with  $C_1$ - $C_6$ alkyl;  $C_1$ - $C_6$ alkoxy; or halo.

37. A compound according to claim 33, wherein  $R^8$  is:



wherein  $R^{10a}$  is H,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ alkyl, or  $C_0$ - $C_3$ alkylcarbocyclyl, amino optionally mono- or di-substituted with  $C_1$ - $C_6$ alkyl, amido, ( $C_1$ - $C_3$  alkyl)amide, heteroaryl or heterocyclyl; and  $R^{9b}$  is  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkoxy, amino, di( $C_1$ - $C_3$  alkyl)amino, ( $C_1$ - $C_3$  alkyl)amide,  $NO_2$ , OH, halo, trifluoromethyl, or carboxyl.

38. A compound according to any claim 33, wherein  $R^{9b}$  is  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkoxy, preferably methoxy.

39. A compound according to claim 1, wherein A is  $C(=O)NHSO_2R^2$ .

40. A compound according to claim 39, wherein  $R^2$  is optionally substituted  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl, preferably methyl.
41. A compound according to claim 39, wherein  $R^2$  is optionally substituted  $C_3$ - $C_7$ cycloalkyl, preferably cyclopropyl.
42. A compound according to claim 39, wherein  $R^2$  is optionally substituted  $C_0$ - $C_6$ alkylaryl, preferably optionally substituted phenyl.
43. A compound according to claim 1, wherein A is  $C(=O)OR^1$ .
44. A compound according to claim 43, wherein  $R^1$  is H or  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl, preferably hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, or tert-butyl.
45. A compound according to claim 2, wherein  $R^{7'}$  is H and  $R^7$  is n-ethyl, cyclopropylmethyl, cyclobutylmethyl or mercaptomethyl, preferably n-propyl or 2,2-difluoroethyl.
46. A compound according to claim 2, wherein  $R^7$  and  $R^{7'}$  together define a spiro-cyclopropyl or spiro-cyclobutyl ring, both optionally mono or di-substituted with  $R^{7'a}$  wherein;  
 $R^{7'a}$  is  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl,  $C_3$ - $C_5$ cycloalkyl, or  $C_2$ - $C_6$  alkenyl, any of which is optionally substituted with halo; or  $R^{7'a}$  is J.
47. A compound according to claim 47 wherein the ring is a spiro-cyclopropyl ring substituted with  $R^{7'a}$  wherein;  
 $R^{7'a}$  is ethyl, vinyl, cyclopropyl, 1- or 2-bromoethyl, 1-or 2-fluoroethyl, 2-bromovinyl or 2-fluorethyl.
48. A compound according to claim 2, wherein  $R^7$  is J and  $R^{7'}$  is H.

49. A compound according to claim 1, wherein J is a 3 to 8-membered saturated or unsaturated alkylene chain optionally containing one to two heteroatoms independently selected from: -O-, -S- or -NR<sup>12</sup>-, wherein R<sup>12</sup> is H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, such as methyl, or -C(=O)C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, such as acetyl.

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50. A compound according to claim 49, wherein J is a 4 to 7-membered saturated or unsaturated, all carbon alkylene chain.

51. A compound according to claim 49, wherein J is saturated or mono-  
10 unsaturated.

52. A compound according to claim 49, wherein J is dimensioned to provide a macrocycle of 14 or 15 ring atoms.

15 53. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound as defined in claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier therefor.

54. A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 53, further comprising an additional HCV antiviral, selected from nucleoside analogue polymerase inhibitors,  
20 protease inhibitors, ribavirin and interferon.

55. Use of a compound as defined in claim 1 in therapy.

56. Use of a compound as defined in claim 1 in the manufacture of a medicament  
25 for the prophylaxis or treatment of flavivirus infections, including HCV.

57. A method for treatment or prophylaxis of flavivirus infection such as HCV comprising the administration of an effective amount of a compound as defined in claim 1 to an individual afflicted or at risk of such infection.

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